

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

71 Main Street, Freeholder's Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

March 05, 2019

Director Lagay announced: "This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been given by posting throughout the year a copy of the notice on Bulletin Boards on the First and Second Floor of the Main Street County Complex, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements. A copy was mailed on or before January 15, 2019, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, Courier News, TAPinto (online) and the Express Times, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

PRESENT: MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MS. SOLOWAY, MR. VAN DOREN, MS. LAGAY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNSEL ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

County Counsel Shana Taylor noted the items that were discussed in Executive Session, to include: An Applicant for the Director of Planning and Land Use, a CWA Proposal, Two potential Land Acquisitions, and Terms of Engagement for Legal Research for the County.

FREEHOLDERS REPORTS

Freeholder Soloway reported on the Division of Solid Waste and Recycling's free recycling opportunities for major items. The previous week's propane tank drop off program was a success; the Division staff received 134 propane tanks at the Route 12 complex. Additionally, the Division is now accepting residential room air conditioners and dehumidifiers. Staff advises that air conditioners and dehumidifiers contain refrigerants that are harmful in the environment, and by federal law, must be removed and recovered. The steel, other metals, and selected parts of the equipment, can be recycled. Residents will need to make an appointment with the Department of Health at the Route 12 complex for the drop off.

Freeholder Soloway reported on the upcoming County Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day, which will take place Saturday, March 9, 2019, from 9 am to 1 pm. This is an opportunity for residents to dispose of hard to get rid of items, such as Used Motor Oil, Automotive Batteries, Anti-Freeze and, Fire Extinguishers, in an environmentally safe manner.

Freeholder Soloway directed everyone to the county solid waste and recycling webpage. The next County Electronics Collection Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2019, also from 9 am to 1 pm. At the electronics collection day, items such as Desktop Printers, Desktop Fax Machines, Computers, Computer Monitors, Televisions, DVD Players, Radios, Cell Phones, and other small electronic devices can be dropped off. Both of these free drop off events are at the Route 12 County complex.

Freeholder Soloway congratulated the Solid Waste and Recycling staff and the employees from other County Departments who help to make these events smooth and successful.

Deputy Director Lanza reported that Hunterdon County's commitment to bringing attention to the 9-1-1 fees has risen to the state level. Freeholder Lanza has repeatedly led the Hunterdon County Freeholder Board in the fight against the state's unfair diversion of telephone fees that are meant to be dedicated for county and local 9-1-1 costs. The Board joined Freeholder Lanza in support of a resolution for a state constitutional amendment that dedicates those fees for 9-1-1 use and would prohibit diversion.

County, Headquarters at Route 12, and the South County Library in Ringoes. There will be a strategic plan done by the Library Commission this spring, and she encourages those who do not frequent the libraries to take a look at their efforts online.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Gregory F. Veneziale, Boy Scout Troop 65, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

Gregory Veneziale was present at the meeting to discuss his Eagle Scout project, which involved the reconstruction of an outdoor display for the Black River and Western Railroad Historical Trust at their Ringoes Station.

ROLL CALL (AYES): MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT, MS. SOLOWAY, MR. VAN DOREN, MS. LAGAY

Mr. Van Doren moved and Ms. Soloway seconded this:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Brian Slack, Boy Scout Troop 288, on attaining the designation of Eagle Scout.

ROLL CALL (AYES): MR. VAN DOREN, MS. SOLOWAY, MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY

Ms. Soloway moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing March as American Red Cross month.

Tim Johnston, Disaster Services Manager, and Gina Ference, a member of their Board, attended on behalf of Bob Ribitzski, American Red Cross Coordinator, to accept the proclamation and speak about the Red Cross' work in the area, specifically the local schools, and in conjunction with the United Way.

Director Lagay thanked the Red Cross for their great work, and their efforts on behalf of the community.

ROLL CALL (AYES): MS. SOLOWAY, MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT, MR. VAN DOREN, MS. LAGAY

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Department for receiving The Patriot Award from the Army National Guard. Also, individual recognition of Sheriff's Officer, Thomas Illes and Sheriff's Investigator, Raymond Scarpa, for their service in the Army National Guard.

John J. Fearing, LTC (Ret.), on behalf of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, presented Ed Davis and others in the Sheriff's Office for being supportive employers of those in the active reserves, of which there are many throughout the County workforce.

ROLL CALL (AYES): MS. SOLOWAY, MR. LANZA, MR. HOLT, MR. VAN DOREN, MS. SOLOWAY

Delaware and Kingwood Townships, the SADC paid the full cost of \$739,480. In total, 188 acres and \$1.25 million in one day, at no cost to the county's open space trust fund.

Freeholder Holt emphasized that any time the County can gain partners in financing the preservation of farmland or open space, that leaves more County funds for future preservation projects. Freeholder Holt stated that the actual proceedings in gaining title to easements and preserving farmland is highly detailed and complex, and commended the team for their work.

Mr. Holt moved and Ms. Soloway seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the Freeholder Director to execute an amended Green Acres Project Agreement, for the County's Open Space Preservation Plan.

ROLL CALL (AYES): MR. HOLT, MS. SOLOWAY, MR. LANZA, MR. VAN DOREN, MS. LAGAY

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing final approval of a development easement from America's Grow-a-Row, Block 10, Lot 6, in Franklin Township, estimated 37.06 acres; (SADC-\$190,550; County-\$61,975; Township-\$61,975), total amount of \$314,500.

**ROLL CALL (AYES): MR. HOLT, MR. VAN DOREN, MR. LANZA, MS. LAGAY
(ABSTAIN): MS. SOLOWAY**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION

Marc Saluk, Director of Economic Development, presented the Hunterdon County Economic Development's new website: hunterdoncountyedc.com.

This website stands along from the County's other platforms to showcase that economic development is a public-private partnership. It highlights the mission of fostering business opportunities, development, high-paying jobs and tourism throughout the County while maintaining the rural and cultural heritage and unique quality of life.

Mr. Saluk navigated the website to demonstrate the various social media elements of site.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Davis provided an update on the newly VOIP contract with AT&T. The cost savings versus CenturyLink was approximately \$326,000. There was a one-time cost of \$200,000 for installation purposes, and the installation has been completed in many of the departments in the Administration building, County Clerk and the Justice Center. It is expected that the entire county will be transferred over by mid-year.

Freeholder Van Doren asked if there would be analogue phones kept in case there is a loss of internet services, specifically for emergency services purposes. Chief Wagner assured him that there are several redundancies in the system to avoid a break in communications in the event that happens.

CONSENT AGENDA

"All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately."

Mr. Lanza moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded the Consent Agenda, with Item #3 being

of \$1,119 per year.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contract for performance, using RFP #0032-2018, for Nutrition Education Program services, with Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc., for a three year period, at a cost of \$2,035 per year.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contract for performance, using RFP #0032-2018, allocating \$50,550.00 for a three year period (\$16,850.00 per year) to Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc., for the State Weekend Home Delivered Nutrition program.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contract for performance, using RFP #0032-2018, allocating \$329,046.00 for a three year period (\$109,682.00 per year) to Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc., for the Home Delivered Nutrition program.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contract for performance, using RFP #0032-2018, allocating \$60,291.00 (\$20,097.00 per year) to Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc. for a three year period, for the Supplemental Home Delivered Nutrition program.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a letter to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), requesting a budget reallocation of the Water Quality Management Planning Grant (QR17-004) to enable completion of the County's Wastewater Management Plan.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the plans and specifications for the Drainage Improvements for County Route 519, in the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon.

ROLL CALL (AYES): MR. LANZA, MS. SOLOWAY, MR. HOLT, MR. VAN DOREN, MS. LAGAY

GRANTS

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Lanza seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an Operating Assistance Agreement, through FTA Section 5311, in an amount not to exceed \$643,074.00; (Federal Funds totaling - \$321,537.00; New Jersey Transit allocating - \$160,768.50), in addition the County is required to provide matching funds of \$160,768.50, for the operation of the Hunterdon County Consolidated Transportation System, known as the "LINK".

ROLL CALL (AYES): MR. HOLT, MR. LANZA, MS. SOLOWAY, MR. VAN DOREN, MS. LAGAY

Ms. Soloway moved and Mr. Van Doren seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance grant agreement with the New Jersey Transit Corporation, in the amount of \$346,707.57.



Brad Myhre, Acting Clerk of the Board

Transcribed By:

Dana DiRisio, RMC, Deputy Clerk of the Board

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

**RESOLUTION
ENTERING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the County is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

PERSONNEL:

- Discussion with candidate about the Director of Planning and Land Use vacancy.
- Discussion about CWA contract issues and work schedule at the Division of Communications.

LAND:

- Discussion about the potential land acquisitions Readington Township.

LEGAL:

- Potential engagement of a an attorney for legal research services.
3. It is anticipated that the minutes on the subject matter of the Executive Session will be made public upon conclusion of the matter under discussion; and in any event, when appropriate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.
 4. The Board of Chosen Freeholders will return to Regular Session and may take further action.
 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, Brad Myhre, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, County of Hunterdon, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true, complete and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders at a meeting held on April 16, 2019.

ROLL CALL ABSENT	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN
Suzanne Lagay, Director			x		
John E. Lanza, Deputy Director		X	x		
J. Matthew Holt, Freeholder	X		X		
Susan J. Soloway, Freeholder			x		
Shaun C. Van Doren, Freeholder			x		

ADOPTED March 05, 2019



Brad Myhre, CLERK